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SUBJ: CCD: US/USSR WORKING GROUP ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS:  
ROUND TWO, AUGUST 26, 1977 MEETING: MESSAGE #15

REF: GENEVA 7211 (NOTAL)

1. US/USSR WORKING GROUP ON RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS (RW)  
MET AT 3:30 PM ON AUG 26 IN U.S. MISSION. HEAD OF US DEL  
(FISHER) SAID THAT THREE BASIC ISSUES REMAIN TO BE RESOLVED,  
NAMELY SCOPE, DEFINITION, AND VERIFICATION. HE SAID THAT THE  
US SIDE WAS PREPARED TO PRESENT PRELIMINARY US VIEWS ON  
THESE ISSUES AND EXPECTED TO PROVIDE A MORE PRECISE  
FORMULATION ON EACH ISSUE ON MONDAY, AUG 29.

2. WITH RESPECT TO SCOPE, FISHER NOTED THAT THE US SIDE  
HAD ORIGINALLY PROPOSED A CONVENTION DEALING WITH ONLY  
NON-USE, AND THAT SOVIET SIDE HAD RESPONDED  
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BY PROPOSING A MORE COMPREHENSIVE TREATY. HE SAID THAT  
IN PRINCIPLE THE US SIDE WAS PREPARED TO AGREE WITH THE  
SOVIET POSITION ON SCOPE, BUT MAY HAVE SOME SLIGHT  
MODIFICATIONS IN LANGUAGE TO SUGGEST. ALSO HE NOTED  
THAT, AS US SIDE HAD INDICATED EARLIER, THE BROADER SCOPE  
MAY REQUIRE SOME CHANGES WITH RESPECT TO VERIFICATION  
FROM THE ORIGINAL US POSITION.

3. WITH RESPECT TO DEFINITION, FISHER SAID THAT US AND SOVIET POSITIONS SEEM TO COINCIDE, AND THAT THE US SIDE WOULD PROPOSE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE WHICH WOULD DEAL WITH "DEVICES" IN THE CONTEXT OF UTILIZING RADIOLOGICAL MATERIALS FOR WEAPONS PURPOSES.

4. WITH RESPECT TO VERIFICATION, FISHER NOTED THAT THE SOVIET DRAFT MADE NO MENTION OF A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE. HE SAID THAT CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE IN THE CONTEXT OF AN RW CONVENTION WERE PERHAPS EVEN STRONGER THAN IN THE CASE OF OTHER POSSIBLE CONVENTIONS. IN AN ASIDE HE NOTED THAT US BELIEVES THAT IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR A CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE TO HAVE THE RIGHT TO REQUEST ON-SITE INSPECTION IN CASE THERE ARE GROUNDS TO BELIEVE THAT A PARTY MAY NOT BE COMPLYING WITH THE CONVENTION. HE STRESSED THAT SUCH INSPECTIONS WERE PERHAPS OF GREATER MUTUAL INTEREST FOR BOTH THE SOVIET AND US SIDES WITH RESPECT TO NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES WHICH POSSESS NUCLEAR MATERIALS SUITABLE FOR USE AS RADIOLOGICAL WEAPONS.

5. HEAD OF SOVIET DEL (LIKHACHEV) INDICATED THAT SOVIET EXPERTS WILL BE LEAVING FOR MOSCOW OVER WEEKEND BUT THAT HE WOULD BE PRESENT TO RECEIVE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE FROM US DEL ON MONDAY. IT WAS AGREED THAT FINAL MEETING WOULD BE HELD IN SOVIET MISSION AT 3:30 PM MONDAY, AUGUST 29.  
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6. DRAFT COMMUNIQUE ON SECOND ROUND HAS BEEN AGREED AD REFERENDUM AND IS BEING TRANSMITTED SEPTEL.

7. ACTION REQUIRED: PLEASE PROVIDE SPECIFIC LANGUAGE ON SCOPE, DEFINITION, AND VERIFICATION TO BE GIVEN TO SOVIET SIDE ON AUGUST 29.

8. FOR STATE, IO LANGUAGE SERVICES: IN VIEW OF MONDAY MEETING, INTERPRETER GALINA TUNIK WILL NOT RETURN TO WASHINGTON UNTIL TUESDAY, AUGUST 30. VANDEN HEUVEL

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